(e) if not, the steps taken against the officials responsible for undertaking agreements irresponsibly?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) the Food Corporation of India has not directly exported any rice from the Central Pool during the year 1995-96.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Pension to Widows of Super Bazar Employees

80. SHRI DIPLIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows of erstwhile employees working under the jurisdiction of General Manager, Super Bazar have been denied pension;

(b) whether representations have been pending for expediting the accumulated amount of pension to their next of kin;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures being taken to release the amount of pension; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. It has been reported by Super Bazar that they contribute to the employees Pension Scheme under the Provident Fund Act and the benefits are payable to the employees by the Office of the Commisioner of provident Fund and not by Super Bazar.

(b) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that no representation regarding pension of any employee or his/her kin is pending.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Chinese Cooperation in Coal Sector

81. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese Government has offered to provide India their technology for mechanised long wall mining, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 14th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether our Study Team which visited China in 1994 has carefully studied/understood the Chinese long wall and hard roof management technology and its usefulness in our country; and

(d) whether China's delegation has also agreed to visit India for giving another boost to the developing Sino-Indian Cooperation in Coal mining technologies and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Two powered support longwall systems have been received by Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) from China and Coal India Limited have signed agreements with China national Coal Mining Engineering Equipment Group Corporation for supply of four mechanised longwall sets for installation in four different mines of South Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Bungling in Food Corporation of India

82. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of improper accounting, shoddy phsicial verification of stocks, misappropriation of grains enroute, misappropriation of foodgrains by FCI officials are pending enquiry as on 31st October, 1995 in Food Corporation of India;

(b) what is the total amount of rupees involved in each category of the cases;

(c) how many officials of FCI are involved in each category of cases; and

(d) by when will these enquiries be completed?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As on 31st October, 1995, as total number of 291 vigilance cases are pending in FCI on account of misappropriation of foodgrains, shortages, losses including transit and storage losses.

(b) As per the provisional Annual Accounts of Food Corporation of India for the year 1994-95, the total amount of rupees involved category-wise is as under:—

1. Misappropriation of foodgrains Rs. 14.35 lakhs
2. Shortages on account of storage Rs. 97.68 crores
3. Transit losses Rs. 123.54 crores

(c) The categorisation of Vigilance cases involving officers/officials of FCI as referred to (a) above is as under:—

S.No.	Categorisation	No. of Vig. cases
i.	Misappropriation of foodgrains	193
ii.	Shortages/losses	87
iii.	Storages & Transit losses	11
	Total:	291

In so far as the number of officials are concerned, the disciplinary authorities range from District Managers to the Managing Director who are spread over the entire country. However, 19 officers are involved in cases where charge-sheets have been issued by the Managing Director.

(d) As per guidelines contained in vigilance Manual volume-I of the Central Vigilance Commission departmental enquiry proceedings should be completed as far as possible within a period of six months. However, in certain cases enquiries are prolonged beyond a period of six months as Inquiry Officers have to afford natural justice to the Charged Officer before final station of their enquiry proceedings by way of allowing opportunities for additional documents/ witnesses demanded by the Charged Officers, cross examination etc. however, necessary administrative instructions keeping in view guidelines contained in Vigilance manual have been issued to Inquiry Officers to complete enquiry proceedings preferably within a period of six months from the date of issue of charge-sheet.

सुपर बाजार में स्थानान्तरणों के सम्बन्ध में सांसदों द्वारा पत्र भेजा जाना

83. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सुपर बाजार के महाप्रबन्धक को कर्मचारियों के विभागीय स्थानान्तरण और स्थानान्तरण रद्द करने के बारे में संसद सदस्यों से कितने पत्र प्राप्त हुए तथा ये पत्र किन-किन कर्मचारियों के बारे में हैं;

(ख) सांसदों के सुझावों/सिफारिशों के अनुसार कितने कर्मचारियों के स्थानान्तरण कर दिए गए और कितने कर्मचारियों के स्थानान्तरण रद्द कर दिए गए;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) सांसदों के सुझावों को लागू नहीं किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं और क्या इस संबंध में कोई तत्काल कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली विभाग) (श्री विनोद शर्मा): (क) सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि उन्हें संसद सदस्यों से इस तरह के कोई पत्र प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Cost and Time Overrun for Projects in Super Bazar

84. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister